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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference  
be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

Reference	Date	Name
U.S. 5,977,867	11/02/1999	Blouin

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the reference constitutes  
prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. The Applicants expressly retain the right  
to take any actions necessary to remove the reference from the available prior art.

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Consideration of the reference in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(1) and (e), the Applicants believe that the reference noted above was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$180 fee due in connection with this information disclosure statement (*see* 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2)) and any other necessary fees due in connection with this statement, to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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